



**United States Consulate General  
Monterrey, Mexico**

The following is provided in response to your request for information regarding the processing of Treaty Trader (E-1) and Treaty Investor (E-2) visas for Mexican nationals at the Consulate General Monterrey. Please read the instructions carefully and follow them to avoid needless delays in your application.

As you may be aware, Section 101 (a) (15) (E) of the U.S. Immigration and Nationality Act provides non-immigrant status for a national of any of the countries with which an appropriate treaty of commerce and navigation exists, who is coming to the United States to carry on substantial trade, principally between the United States and his/her own country, or to develop and direct the operations of an enterprise in which he/she has invested, or is actively in the process of investing, a substantial amount of capital.

Insofar as TREATY TRADERS (E-1) are concerned, the following requirements must be met:

1. The requisite treaty exists.
2. The individual and/or business possesses the nationality of the treaty country.
3. The activities constitute trade and the trade is substantial.
4. Such trade is between the United States and the treaty country.
5. The applicant, if an employee, is destined to an executive/supervisory position or possesses skills essential to the firm's operations in the United States.
6. The applicant intends to depart the United States when the E-1 status terminates.

Insofar as TREATY INVESTOR (E-2) are concerned, the following requirements must be met:

1. The requisite treaty exists.
2. The individual and/or business possesses the nationality of the treaty country.
3. The applicant has invested or is actively in the process of investing.
4. The enterprise is a real and operating commercial enterprise.
5. Applicant investment is substantial.
6. Investment is more than a marginal one solely for earning a living.
7. Applicant is in a position to "develop and direct" the enterprise.
8. The applicant, if an employee, is destined to an executive/supervisory position or possesses skills essential to the firm's operations in the United States.
9. The applicant intends to depart the United States when the E-2 status terminates.

To apply for a Treaty Trader or Treaty Investor visa, the following process is recommended:

1. Submit a detailed letter describing the nature of the trade relationship or investment.
2. Complete and submit a Treaty Trader/Investor application.
3. Provide supporting documentation to substantiate claims made on the application.

Submit the completed application packet to the following U.S. address:

Non-Immigrant Visa Section  
American Consulate General Monterrey  
ATTN: E-Visas  
P.O. Box 9002  
Brownsville, TX 78520-9002

Or submit the completed application packet to the following address in Mexico:

Non-Immigrant Visa Section  
Consulado General de los Estado Unidos  
ATTN: E-Visas  
Ave. Constitucion 411 Pte.  
Monterrey, NL 64000

After review of your application you will be contacted to come to the American Consulate General for the visa interview. Anyone who is seven years old or older must appear personally at the interview. Each applicant (including family members, unless indicated) must bring the following documentation to the interview:

1. Completed DS-156 visa application (latest Feb. 2003 version required; available at <http://travel.state.gov/DS-0156.pdf> ).
2. Completed DS-157 visa application (only for males ages 16 to 45; available at <http://travel.state.gov/DS-0157.pdf> ).
3. Completed DS-156E application form (only for principal applicant; available at <http://travel.state.gov/DS-0156E.pdf> ).
4. Valid passport with at least six months of validity remaining.
5. Evidence of familial relationships (marriage certificates, birth certificates, etc.).
6. Receipt for payment of \$100 USD application fee for each visa applicant regardless of age, payable at any Banamex branch.
7. U.S. dollars or Mexican pesos (cash only) to pay reciprocity fee of \$100 USD (1,000 pesos) per year of validity per applicant. Maximum validity is five years; length of validity will be determined at the interview.